THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE

IN 9 YEARS

RAMIA-YANA

CHAPTER 5: ~INVASION~
THE BEINGS NAMED DEMONS

OKAY, YOU GOT ME.

A SOLID POINT FOR YOU BOYS AND GIRLS.

THAT'S A FIRST, I CERTAINLY DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TWO TO KEEP SUCH COORDINATION EVEN IN THAT STATE...

AND BESIDES THAT...

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE OTHER ANGRY BOY IS OUT OF PLANS EITHER.

Please don't get the wrong idea.

However ...

Lick

You still have a lot of work to do to put me down permanently.

...AND WE'RE NOW BACK

THEY'VE FINALLY RETURNED AFTER TWO MONTHS!

THE ELITE TROOPS ARE BACK!

TO THE PRESENT.

THE EAGLE KNIGHTS ARE BACK TO REPORT, MY KING!

WELCOME BACK! YOU'RE IN HIGH SPIRITS AS ALWAYS, CAPTAIN ADLER. DID THE EXPEDITION GO WELL?

On the way, we took care of issues with an increasing group of hostile Corbirakks and an infestation of Goblops. Regardless, our troops came out unharmed.

Oh oh, as expected!

On the other hand...

"Those" rumors turned out to be true.

?!

We encountered two lower class demons and after finally defeating and forcing them to talk, there was no mistake.

A NEW DEMON LORD HAS RISEN

THE ROOTS OF YGGDRASIL

MANDRAGLORIA CASSANDRA ASMOLITH

WORSE, IT SEEMS HER ARMY IS ALREADY CLOSE TO BEING FULLY OPERATIONAL! WE'RE ALREADY TOO LATE FOR A PRE-EMPTIVE ASSAULT!

...WHICH MEANS THAT...

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW HOLY WAR.

SO BE IT! THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!

GRIP

...

FARUMAS KINGDOM

NARAVAS
THE HERO'S TOWN

MATHEINAR KINGDOM

VELALLYA DYNASTY

CARTHA
ROYAL CAPITAL

TALOS KINGDOM

VATES
THE CHURCH'S CENTRAL CITY STATE

ELHERIN KINGDOM

THE CURSED IMPALING ABYSS

CASSANDRA'S BASE (THEORIZED)

NO OTHER SURROUNDING KINGDOM HAS A HOLY SWORD IN THEIR POSSESSION, SO THIS TIME, WE OF THE GREAT MATHEINAR KINGDOM WILL BE THE ONES TO ACT!

...UNDERSTOOD. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT TRUST, AND I SHALL NOT DISAPPOINT YOU, MY KING.

CAPTAIN ADLDER, I HAVE FAITH IN YOUR JUDGMENT: YOU SHALL HANDPICK 4 PEOPLE BESIDES YOURSELF TO ATTEMPT THE HOLY TRIAL.

SOON,
A NEW HERO
SHALL BE
BORN!

GULPS.

SIR ELDARIUS
CONFIRMED THAT
HE WOULD BE
READY TO FIGHT
ONCE MORE
AGAINST A DEMON
ARMY.

INDEED.
ON THE WAY HERE,
I ACTUALLY ALREADY
INFORMED THE
ARCHMAGE ABOUT
THE CURRENT
SITUATION.

Oh oh oh, It might have been 30 years, but thanks to his elf blood, he barely aged.

Indeed, sir Eldarius makes for an ideal ally, He'll be no doubt a great asset in this holy war.

We're truly lucky that a half breed like Eldarius decided to side with us humans. In addition to his individual power, he also helped building good relationships with the elves of Velalya.

ALREADY?! GIVE ME A BREAK, IT HAS BEEN ONLY 30 YEARS...

AND HERE I WAS HOPING TO NEVER ENCOUNTER A DEMON ARMY AGAIN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...

SIGH...

THE ILLUSTRIOUS HALF ELF ARCHMAGE ELDARIUS AMBROSIUS

It sure as hell is!

I wasn't even born yet back then, ahah...

Hmm, is 30 years that short of a time?

SOLDIER
OTHO

I can't imagine someone as strong as you needing help, ahah... Wouldn't you be enough?

I never encountered demons, are they really that much trouble?

The previous ones had a gap of 400 and 170 years in comparison, what rotten luck!

How naive.

600 YEARS AGO

200 YEARS AGO

30 YEARS AGO

Today

TO BEGIN WITH, IT IS CRUCIAL TO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY DEMON IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A TERRIFYING ABILITY TO TRANSFORM IF GIVEN AN OPENING IN BATTLE.

A LIFESPAN THAT LASTS A MILLENNIA.

DEMONS (1000 YEARS)

ELVES (500 YEARS)

HALF ELF (300 YEARS)

HUMANS (LESS THAN 100 YEARS)

A BLOOD THIRSTY MIND.

A TALL AND POWERFUL BODY NATURALLY BUILT FOR BATTLE.

NOW, DEMONS CAN BE SPLIT IN CLASSES FROM THEIR POTENTIAL AT BIRTH.

LOW CLASS DEMONS

ONLY THE LIKES OF ELITE KNIGHTS COULD POTENTIALLY WIN, AND THAT'S BY ACCOUNTING FOR KILLING THEM EFFICIENTLY.

THEY MAKE FOR VAST THE MAJORITY OF DEMONS, BUT DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND THEIR TITLE: THEY CAN CRUSH MOST HUMANS IN AN INSTANT.

Middle Class Demons

Starting from this class, they will sometimes have inhuman features, be it parts of another race they have the blood of, or straight up mutations.

A rare type of demon, they're noticeably more powerful, and require a squad of elite knights to take them on, or an exceptional individual like me.

You would rarely find more than a dozen of them in total.

In a demon army, they're called "lieutenants".

HIGH CLASS DEMONS

30 YEARS AGO, I AND ARITIMIS, THE CURRENT QUEEN OF THE VELALYA ELVES, FOUGHT ONE TOGETHER, YET WE BARELY WON THANKS TO OUR TEAMWORK.

WE BOTH GOT STRONGER SINCE THEN, BUT I HONESTLY HARDLY STILL HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO BEAT ONE ON MY OWN... THAT'S HOW DANGEROUS THOSE DAMN MONSTERS ARE.

AND LASTLY...

No. 666 DEMON LORD

MIRACULOUS POWER, MIRACULOUS CHARISMA... THEY STAND AT THE VERY TOP OF THE DEMON RACE.

...BUT TO BE HONEST, I NEVER ACTUALLY FACED IT.

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN PART OF THE DEMON KING EXTERMINATION SQUAD, LED BY THE HERO GERTRUDE...

JUST FEELING ITS POWERFUL MAGIC FROM AFAR AS HE WAS FIGHTING TERRIFIED ME.

THE
ARACHNE ASURA
TERAPHO
GOLIATH
30 YEARS AGO

THE LEVIATHAN QUEEN
OCTASONIA SHOKUSHU
200 YEARS AGO

THE
SULTAN OF CURSES
ORAI TURAN
600 YEARS AGO

THERE IS AN OLD SAYING :

...DEMON LORDS ARE MORE AKIN TO DISASTERS."

"RATHER THAN LIVING BEINGS ...

"AS SUCH, THE ONLY THINGS THAT COULD POSSIBLY DEFEAT THEM WOULD BE...

THE MARCHING PRIMORDIAL GODDESS

MOTHER MASTORAVIA YGGDRASIL

THE ANCIENT DRAGON QUEEN

MAEVRITU

But honestly... this saying is just naive, wishful thinking. Those two are neutral beings and aren't known for attacking demon lords.

We're arguably lucky she never decided to fully take their side, approaching her territory would be risking causing her anger.

If anything, there are rumors that Octasonia and Maevritu were on friendly terms.

And, evidently...

We can't just expect the miracle of a demon army being foolish enough to pick a fight with Mother Mastoravia.

...But those demon lords were still beaten in the end, were they not?

Indeed.

...

Those ancient, otherworldly artifacts reveals the true power of a chosen one, it is the only way we have to defeat a Demon Lord.

That is thanks to what we call HOLY SWORDS.

Over 30 years ago, a woman called Gertrude received the title of hero by proving worthy of wielding the holy sword of the Farumas kingdom.

And then, she led us to victory.

30 YEARS AGO, 4 ELITES WERE SENT TO THE DEMON LORD'S CASTLE, INCLUDING I AND GERTRUDE, WHILE MOST OF THE ARMY WAS DISTRACTED BY THE REST OF OUR FORCES.

THE 4 OF US SURVIVED, AND THE DEMON LORD AND ALL ITS GENERALS WERE DEFEATED.

IN CONTRAST, THE HOLY WAR FROM 200 YEARS AGO ENDED IN A TRAGEDY.

HOWEVER, SUCH BATTLES DOESN'T ALWAYS CONCLUDE THIS WELL.

A SOLID VICTORY, IF I MUST SAY.

The Hero from that time managed to take down the heinous demon queen Octasonia...
but died in the process, alongside the entirety of his expedition group, as well as the king and princess of the Elherin Kingdom.

To make matters worse, three generals, including their leader, as well as the daughter of Octasonia all survived.
They're very likely all still alive and been biding their time those past 200 years.

Even in our fight 30 years ago, they never showed up.
I fear they'll join Cassandra's army...
Implying they haven't already.

NEVERTHELESS, I'LL DO ALL I CAN SO THIS NEW HOLY WAR ENDS UP WITH A SOLID VICTORY LIKE 30 YEARS AGO.

WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A HERO YET... THOUGH I THINK I'VE FOUND A CANDIDATE, I'M NOT CONFIDENT THAT THEY HAVE THE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF GERTRUDE. THIS WON'T BE EASY.

YOU...

BY THE WAY, WAS THE HERO GERTRUDE GOOD LOOKING? DID YOU TRY TO MAKE A MOVE ON HER?

I SEE...

AH...UH...I-IGNORE HIM, HE'S JUST JOKING...

G-GREAT ARCHMAGE...?!

GOT SHOT DOWN, THOUGH.

...

OF COURSE I DID, SHE WAS DIVINELY HOT!

SHE WAS A VERY CHARISMATIC LEADER, AN IRON LADY YET AT THE SAME TIME, A FRIENDLY AND GENTLE PERSON.

SHE SHINED LIKE A GODDESS ON THE BATTLEFIELD, TRULY A WOMAN THAT FEELS UNATTAINABLE.

DESPITE BEING IN SOME SERIOUSLY SHITTY LIFE OR DEATH SITUATIONS, FIGHTING ALONGSIDE HER WAS TRULY UNFORGETTABLE...

SO SHE'S ALSO THE STRONGEST PERSON YOU'VE EVER MET, I GUESS?

WELL, DUH...

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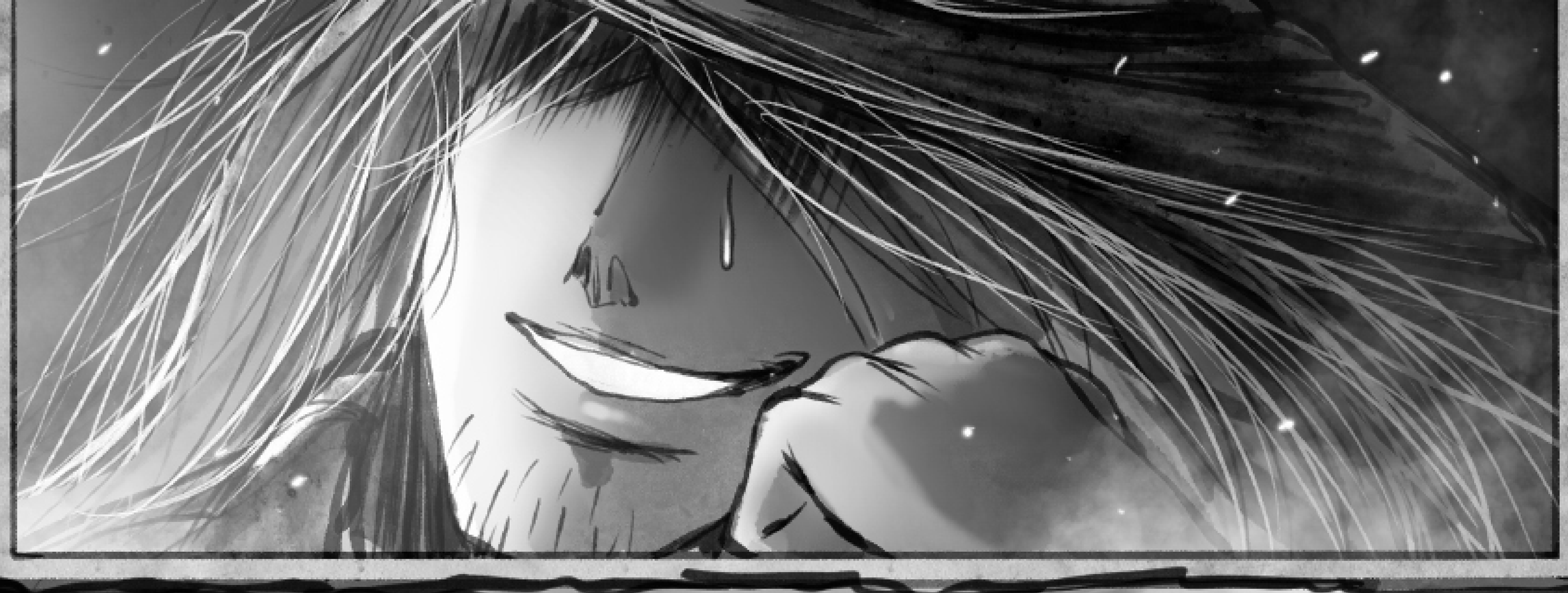

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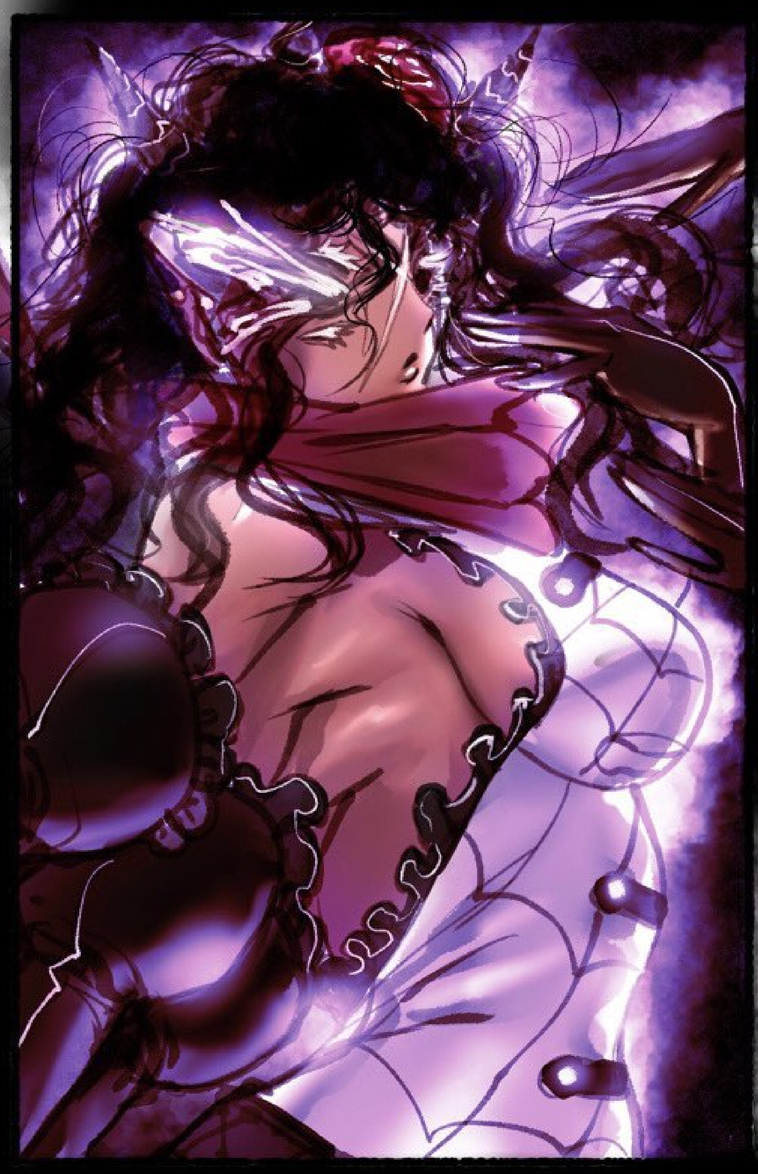

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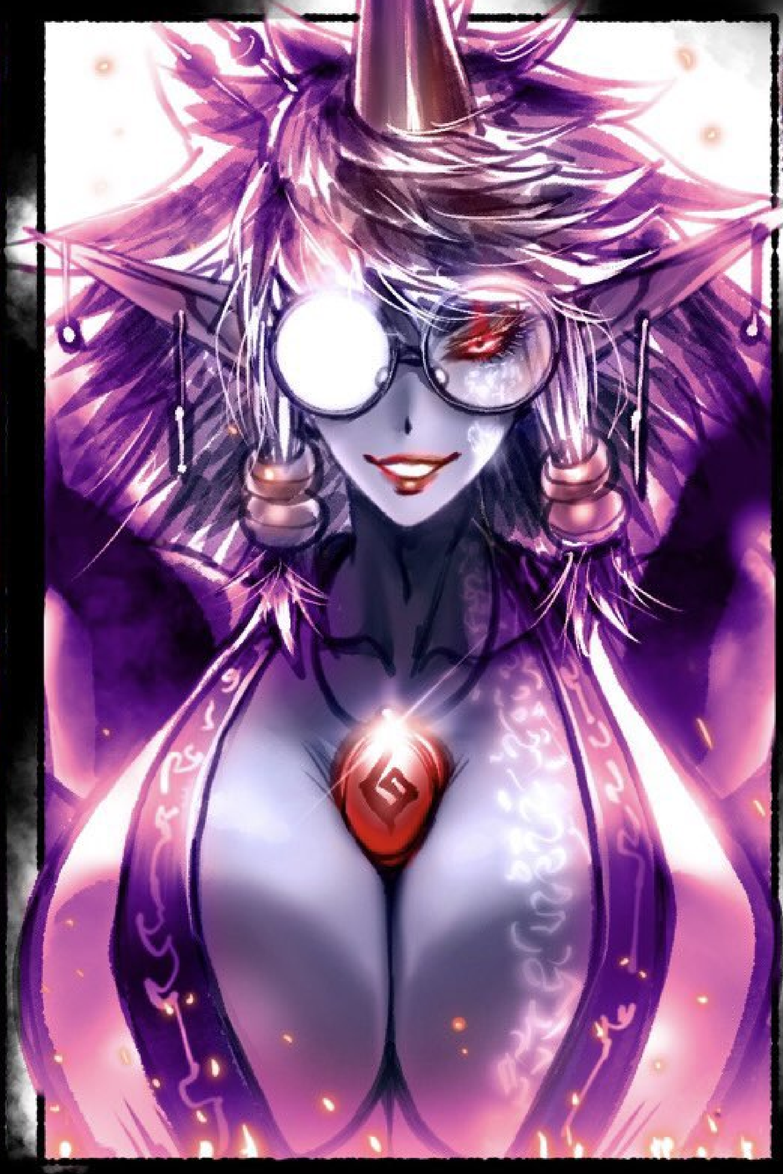

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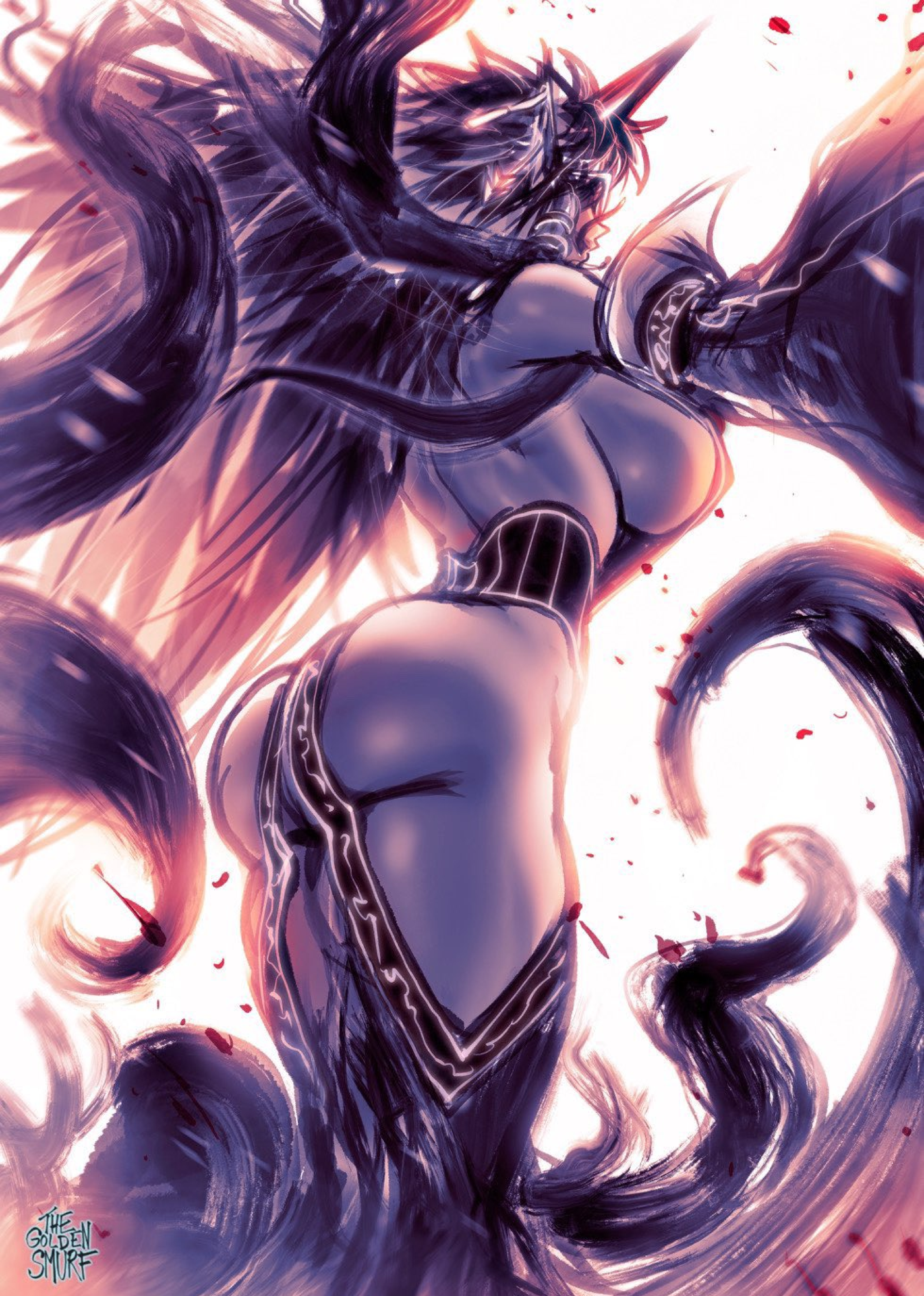
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